

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

INFORMATION FROM ALL PARTS OF THE RAILWAY WORLD.

A Strike of the New York Central Switchmen Averted—Thanksgiving Trains—Personal Gossip About the Train Men.

The management of the New York Central Railroad has come to terms with the representatives of the switchmen from Buffalo, whereby a strike will be averted. It is similar to the agreement made with the West Albany switchmen a short time ago. The company did not grant all that the men asked for, but it met them half way, and agreed to allow extra pay for extra hours' work on the basis of pay at Chicago. The regular hours of work remain unchanged, and day and night men will be content with their former salaries.

Switchmen in the freight and passenger yards at this terminal denied that they intended to strike to better their condition. They hinted that General Superintendent Toussaint was likely to hear from other towns along the line, asking for similar terms to those granted to Buffalo men.

Eleven of the trains that regularly leave the Grand Central station on the Hudson River division and nine of those on the Harlem division of the Central will be direct to New York, that is, the trains will stop at small stations along the lines to accommodate the public.

The annual meeting of the Colony Railroad grade road at Boston, Mass., was held yesterday afternoon. The old Board of Directors was reelected. A resolution authorizing the directors to construct a branch road from a point on the Atlantic coast to the Atlantic ocean, a point on the main line on the Northern division in Walpole, thus extending to a junction with the Dedham branch at a cost of \$250,000, was adopted. A motion was adopted authorizing the company to increase its capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Boston Swift has been employed on the Harvard road for about thirty years, and no one knows the wires better than he does. He has gray hair. He has charge of a chain of coal and coke yards, and also runs coal and coke trains on the Harvard. The former has served as conductor upward of fifteen years, and the latter is perhaps the oldest conductor on the road. The man is now in his sixties, and the annual meeting of the Central Association of New Jersey at Communipaw is progressing rapidly. The main part of the station is up, and four or five great iron arches have been erected across the yard. The measure is 60 feet each. The two new ferrys slip in front of the station entrance are nearly finished.

Conductor Van Suteren, of New York, Michael V. Smith, of Newark, and the other sixteen years, on the Central of New Jersey, Van Houten is connected with the Long Branch division. A. L. Hobrook, general passenger agent of the Rock Island, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on Dec. 1. He will go to San Francisco, and will be succeeded by the Chicago and Northwestern at that point.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road yesterday began a passenger rate war by announcing a reduction of 10 per cent. on some of the principal points in the Northwest, West, and Southwest. The new rates to the Missouri River are \$10 to Council Bluffs, \$10.25 to Sioux City, and \$10.50 to Omaha.

In the Northwest the St. Paul road made no change in the first class, but reduced the second class, to St. Paul and Minneapolis from \$9.50 to \$8.50. The Western road cut out at the Northwest and the Alton did the same in the Southwest. The St. Paul and the Alton were the only roads that made an open cut out at the Northwest, and the others had their tickets on sale in the scrapper's office at a reduction of \$3 to \$3.50 under the tariff rate.

It has been learned that the visit of President Miller of the St. Paul road to London is in reference to a proposed long-time contract for a close alliance with the Union Pacific and St. Paul. All the roads in the West have recently extended their lines to the Rocky Mountains or beyond, and have in most instances secured a Pacific coast connection. The Burlington, the Rock Island, the Northwest, the St. Paul, the Missouri Pacific, and the Manitoba roads have crossed the plains within the past few years. The St. Paul is now in both the Missouri River and the Mississippi, and is now proposed to form an alliance amounting to a probable consolidation with the Union Pacific. Through the road will run from Chicago to the Pacific coast over the Union Pacific and via the Oregon Short Line. The traffic will be turned over to the St. Paul road at the Missouri River. The proposed alliance will be for ninety-nine years.

A BLOODY NOSE IN COURT.

The Anger Between Recorder McDonough and the Police Leads to a Fight.

Policeman Harrison, Frank Watson, alias Edwards, Recorder McDonough, Sergeant Martell, and Patrolman Peters furnished a red-hot show for the audience in the Hoboken Police Court yesterday. Harrison swore he saw Watson pick a man's pocket at the Guttenberg race track. Watson convinced the Recorder that he was innocent and he was discharged, but was placed under \$100 bail till he proved his good character. After the decision Watson got up close to the Recorder's desk and yelled: "Harrison, you are a liar. You lied about me."

Harrison started for him, and Watson appealed to the Recorder for protection. Detective Gallagher grabbed Harrison.

"I'll smash you," yelled Harrison at Watson. The Recorder rapped for order as Harrison rushed forward to see the fun. Detective Gallagher held fast, and Watson and Harrison clashed while the Recorder wrapt harder. The two men, Harrison and Watson, to get at each other. Finally the Recorder ordered the room cleared. Harrison started to take Watson to the city prison. He grabbed him by the coat collar and pulled him.

"Let him in, I tell you, I won't have an officer disobey me," said the Recorder.

"I'll go to his hell," shouted Sergeant Martell. Just has there was another row, this time among the spectators and a bloody nose was the result. Watson was brought down. He said Harrison bit him on the nose. Harrison said he didn't hit him but Watson had taken off his coat to fight.

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